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REMARKS

In the Office Action of May 21, 2007, claims 21-24, 27-36, 40-49, 55-61 and 65-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,230,012 ("Willkie"). Applicant points out that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/597,917, filed June 19, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/481,281, filed January 11, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 08/955,345, filed October 21, 1997 (now U.S. Patent 6,014,705), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 08/114,872, filed August 31, 1993 (now U.S. Patent 5,680,633). Because this priority chain antedates the priority date of Wilkie, Wilkie is not prior art to the present application. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 21-29, 31-43 and 45-67 are allowable over Wilkie. The specification is amended herewith to specifically set forth the priority claim as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant also points out that PAIR erroneously indicates that the present application is a continuation of Application 09/597,719. Applicant requests that PAIR and other records be updated to reflect that the present application is a continuation of Application 09/597,917, not 09/597,719. Applicant further requests a corrected filing receipt reflecting the correct priority claim as set forth in this Amendment.

Incidentally, Applicant submits that Wilkie does not teach the subject matter of the claims of the present application. For example, claim 1 as amended herewith says the base processor is operable to perform the functionality of the higher layers of the communication protocol stack stored in the base memory, wherein the base processor does not perform the functionality of at least one lower layer of the communication protocol stack, instead allowing the communication module to perform the functionality of said at least one lower layer. Wilkie, in contrast, teaches that the mobile terminal TE2 device 102 (the base module) performs *all* of the layers of the communication protocol: upper layer protocols (TCP) 202, network layer protocols (IP) 204, link layer protocols (PPP) 206 and relay layer protocols (EIA-232) 208 (see Figure 2 and column 4, lines 1-13, e.g.). The wireless communication MT2 device 104 (the communication module) also performs some relay layer functionality (EIA-232, RLP and IS-95), but this is in addition to, not instead of, the relay layer functionality performed by the mobile terminal 102.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 21-29, 31-43 and 45-67.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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